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## “We Do So Much More Together Than We Do Separately.” Sr. Patricia Flattery is CND Representative to the United Nations

**S**r. Patricia Flattery, CND, says that living in community as a CND is serving her well in her ministry at the United Nations. She has represented the Congregation of Notre Dame there since September 2019.

She learned right away that “collaboration and partnerships are key to this ministry.” She participates in three groups that represent an array of religious congregations:

- **UNANIMA International** is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that advocates on behalf of women and children, the homeless, migrants, and refugees.
- **Justice Coalition of Religious, or JCoR.** Its mission is to improve the quality of life for people living in poverty and enhance stewardship of the natural environment.
- **Religious at the UN or RUN.** Sr. Pat helped draft RUN’s statement on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the UN in Fall 2020.



Sr. Patricia Flattery, CND  
(S. St. Thomas James)

Sr. Pat has long known that “We can do so much more together than we do separately.” And at the UN, she observes, “you don’t do anything on your own.”

Because of the pandemic, Sr. Pat’s “virtual partnerships” now extend around the globe. At an online meeting, attendees may come from as far away as India, Central America, Canada, or the Philippines.

“We could never have the presence on our own that we have in collaboration with other communities of women and men religious.”

A CND since 1961, Sr. Pat welcomes “the adventure of change. Change gives us opportunities to go to areas where we might not have gone prior to Vatican II (1962-65).” A native of Manhattan, Sr. Pat has served in education ministries and province service in Rhode Island, New York and Connecticut. She also taught English for two years in Japan.

Sr. Pat takes comfort from the words of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, especially this prayer. “Considering the many graces you have bestowed upon me, O God, I am bound by gratitude toward you till my last breath on earth and even through eternity.”

**Some CNDs like Sr. Pat who serve in vital ministries do not receive an outside salary. Your support for these Sisters is crucial.**

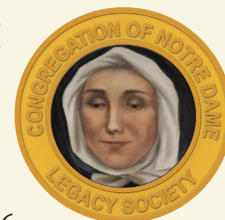
*Thank you for your generosity!*

### Have You Included the CNDs In Your Will? Join the Legacy Society!

Through a gift in your will, you can make a big difference in the lives of CND Sisters and those they serve. If you already have a will, a simple phone call is all it takes to add the CNDs. Just use this sentence with your financial planner:

I bequeath \_\_\_ % of my estate or \$\_\_\_ to the Congregation de Notre Dame, Blessed Sacrament Province, Inc.\*, 30 Highfield Rd., Wilton, CT 06897. Our Tax ID number is 060-883-706.

Legacy Society members receive special mention in our Honor Roll and on our website. They also receive a St. Marguerite Bourgeoys lapel pin and invitations to special events. To learn more, contact Mission Advancement Director Katherine DiGiulio at 203-762-4309 or [missionadvancement@cnd-m.org](mailto:missionadvancement@cnd-m.org).



*\*Our legal name*

# Following Jesus. Serving the poor.

## CNDs Working Through the Pandemic

**S**r. Regina DeVitto, CND relocated from Chicago to Oak Lawn, IL six months ago. This was just as lockdowns from the coronavirus began. She says she is fortunate her ministry can accommodate both an in-person and virtual arrangement.

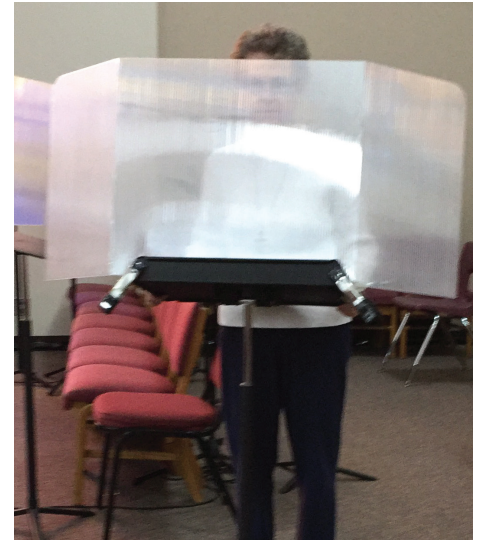
Sr. Regina serves as Director of Liturgy, Prayer and Worship for Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish. Every Thursday, the Sunday Mass is videotaped for broadcast on the weekend. Sr. Regina says many parishioners know her better than she knows them as a result.

Sunday mornings, Sr. Regina is “in-person.” The congregation is

limited, seated in a socially-distant manner, masked, and pre-registered. She stands behind a plexiglass screen. She finds this difficult as she cannot see the congregation nor can they see her. “Over time we have become familiar with this most uncomfortable way of participation.”

Each week, she and her companion Sr. Darleen Mayo call the CNDs in Kankalee, IL to do some faith-sharing by speaker phone. “This has been an enriching community experience for us.”

**Your generosity helps sustain all our Sisters, whether retired or still in active ministry. Thank you!**



Sr. Regina DeVitto, CND

## Your Gifts Benefit All Our Sisters

Our 2020-2021 Annual Appeal Has Launched!\*

Last fiscal year's Annual Appeal was the largest ever – over \$112,000!

*Thank you for your tremendous generosity!*



Sr. Lucille Cormier, CND  
(S. St. Jeanne of the Redemption)

### Your gifts to the Annual Appeal sustain

- Elderly and infirm Sisters who continue to serve God through prayer. *Think of Sr. Lucille Cormier, CND. Her story was featured in this year's Annual Appeal letter.*
- Sisters who receive little or no pay as they share Christ's love with the poor and vulnerable.

Please send your gift in the enclosed envelope. You can also make your gift online at [www.cnd-m.org](http://www.cnd-m.org), USA Office of Mission Advancement.

### Endow Your Annual Appeal Gift!

Through a bequest in your will you can create a lasting Annual Appeal gift. A \$20,000 bequest can generate a \$1,000 Annual Appeal gift that is in place forever! To learn more, call the Office of Mission Advancement at (203) 762-4309.

We hold you and your loved ones in prayer every day.

**THANK YOU for your support!**

*\*Our Annual Appeal runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> every year.*

# Comforting the sick. Because of you.

## Associates, Candidates, and Their Prayer Shawl Ministry in Kankakee, IL

CND Associates from Kankakee, IL began a Prayer Shawl ministry over a year ago. The shawls give comfort to women receiving cancer treatments. The ministry had to be put on hold when the COVID-19 pandemic struck.

Until it was safe for the Associates to join him, Fr. John Horan of St. John Paul II parish visited the sick and presented the shawls. Recipients have been very grateful. Some have sent notes of gratitude to the Associates for their prayers, visits and shawls.

**In the U.S., over 130 women and men are CND Associates. Thank you for your generous support of this relationship!**



## From CND Schoolmates to CND Legacy Society Members

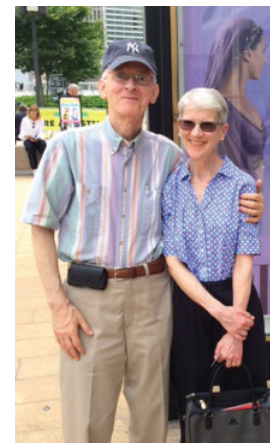
Who would have known in 1964-65 that senior Richard Burkhardt and freshman Catherine Malone would pass each other in the halls of Stamford [CT] Catholic High School – and then begin dating in 1981!

That first encounter was at a Catholic singles event and our relationship grew from there. It was natural because we already shared a faith formed in large part by our years under the wise tutelage of the CND Sisters. They were competent in their subjects and their teaching methods were of God, always encouraging their students.

Because discipline was maintained, we could learn in a peaceful classroom. We know that the good Sisters prayed for us when we were students, and that they continue those prayers.

One of Rick's three security questions for his password is "Who was your favorite teacher?" His answer is the name of a CND Sister.

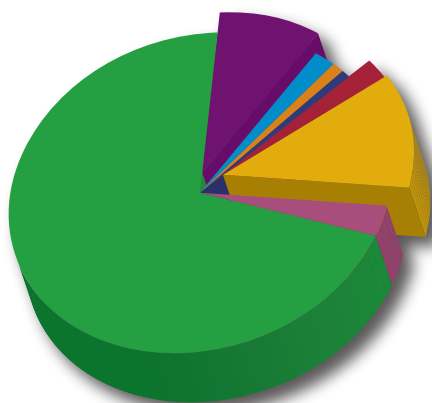
We have chosen to be Legacy Society members because we want the CND Sisters to continue well into the future, passing on the Catholic values they instilled in us when we were students at SCHS.



**Rick and Cathy Burkhardt**

# LAST FISCAL YEAR

*Thank you for caring!*



- 19-20 Annual Appeal
- 19-Christmas Card Appeal
- 19-Fall Newsletter
- 20-Spring Newsletter
- Honor/Memorial; Unsolicited
- Major Gifts
- Visitation Companions
- Bequests

# For all you do, thank you.

## Seven CNDs Celebrate Their Jubilees

This year seven CNDs celebrated sixty and seventy years of service to the people of God.

*Congratulations, Sisters!*

### 60 YEARS

(l to r) Sr. Marilyn Doucette (S. St. Michael Joseph)  
Sr. Patricia Jamele (S. St. Patricia Marion)  
Sr. Margarita Castaneda (S. St. Christine of Mary)  
Not pictured  
Sr. Marilyn Cullina (S. St. Ellen of the Sacred Heart)  
Sr. Anne Walsh (S. St. Mary Brendan)



### 70 YEARS

(l to r) Sr. Catherine McDermott (S. St. Edouard-Marie)  
Sr. Rita Rompre (S. St. Marie-Joseph)



## Ways to Help the CNDs

### Give Online

[www.cnd-m.org](http://www.cnd-m.org); USA Office of Mission Advancement

### Order Prayer Enrollment Cards

[www.cnd-m.org](http://www.cnd-m.org); USA Office of Mission Advancement; Prayer Enrollment Cards

### “Like” the CNDs on Facebook

Congregation of Notre Dame/USA

### Keep Sending Stamps

Your cancelled stamps benefit our missions in Central America and Cameroon

### Visit Our Website

[www.cnd-m.org](http://www.cnd-m.org); USA Office of Mission Advancement

### Follow Us on Instagram

#cndsistersusa

Please join us in praying for our deceased Sisters:

## IN MEMORY OF

### Marion Delmer, CND

(S. St. Alice Maureen)

d. April 5, 2020

### Clare Kearney, CND

(S. St. Maura of Jesus)

d. May 13, 2020

### Kathleen Fitz Simons, CND

d. July 12, 2020

### Jeanne Fielder, CND

(S. St. Jeanne Bernadette)

d. September 12, 2020

*All I have ever desired is that the great precept of the love of God above all things and of the neighbor as oneself be written in every heart.*

- St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

*May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## Become a Visitation Companion

Monthly giving is simple, convenient, and easy on your budget!

To sign up, email [missionadvancement@cnd-m.org](mailto:missionadvancement@cnd-m.org) or call 203-762-4306. OR click on the “monthly” option at [cnd-m.org](http://cnd-m.org); USA Office of Mission Advancement; Giving.

Visitation Companions receive special mention in our Honor Roll. They also receive invitations to special events.

*Thank you so much!*



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# Congregation of Notre Dame Blessed Sacrament Province

## Honor Roll 2019-2020

Thank you for your kindness and generosity during the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. We thank especially our Visitation Companions (monthly donors) **(VC)**; our Legacy Society members **(LS)**; and our St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Loyalty Society members \*, who have supported the CNDs for three or more consecutive years.

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